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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOE GARCÍA

Plaintiff,

v.

KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS N.V.;
PHILIPS NORTH AMERICA LLC; and
PHILIPS RS NORTH AMERICA LLC,

Defendants.

Case No.

Judge:
Action Filed:

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff JOE GARCÍA (“Plaintiff” or “Plaintiff García”), for his Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial against Defendants Koninklijke Philips N.V. (“Royal Philips”), Philips North America LLC (“Philips NA”), and Philips RS North America LLC (“Philips RS”) (collectively, Royal Philips, Philips NA, and Philips RS are “Philips”

1 or the “Defendants”), alleges the following based on personal knowledge, the
2 investigation of counsel, and information and belief, as follows:

3 4 5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 1. Plaintiff brings this action for injuries caused on him as a user of
7 Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure
8 (Bi-Level PAP) devices and mechanical ventilators manufactured by Philips, which
9 contain polyester-based polyurethane sound abatement foam (“PE-PUR Foam”).
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11 2. Philips manufactures, markets, sells, and distributes a variety of products
12 for sleep and home respiratory care.
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14 3. Philips manufactures, markets, imports, sells, and distributes a variety of
15 Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and BiLevel Positive Airway Pressure
16 (BiLevel PAP) devices for patients with obstructive sleep apnea (“OSA”).
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18 4. Philips also manufactures, markets, imports, sells, and distributes a variety
19 of ventilator devices for patients with respiratory conditions.
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21 5. On June 14, 2021, Philips issued a recall notification for many of its CPAP
22 and BiLevel PAP devices as well as a number of its ventilator devices containing PE-
23 PUR Foam, because Philips had determined that (a) the PE-PUR Foam was at risk for
24 degradation into particles that may enter the devices’ pathway and be ingested or
25 inhaled by users, and (b) the PE-PUR Foam may off-gas certain chemicals during
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1 operation. Philips further disclosed in its Recall Notice that “these issues can result
2 in serious injury which can be life-threatening, cause permanent impairment, and/or
3 require medical intervention to preclude permanent impairment.”
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5 6. Philips informed patients using these affected devices of potential risks
6 from exposure to degraded sound abatement foam particles and exposure to chemical
7 emissions from the sound abatement foam material.
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9 7. Specifically, Philips notified patients that the risks related to issues with the
10 sound abatement foam include headache, irritation, inflammation, respiratory issues,
11 and possible toxic and carcinogenic effects.
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13 8. Philips has disclosed that the absence of visible particles in the devices does
14 not mean that PE-PUR Foam breakdown has not already begun. Philips reported that
15 lab analysis of the degraded foam reveals the presence of harmful chemicals,
16 including: Toluene Diamine (“TDA”), Toluene Diisocyanate (“TDI”), and Diethylene
17 Glycol (“DEG”).¹
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19 9. Prior to issuing the Recall Notice, Philips received complaints regarding the
20 presence of black debris/particles within the airpath circuit of its devices (extending
21 from the device outlet, humidifier, tubing, and mask). Philips also received reports of
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25 ¹ Philips Sleep and Respiratory Care Update; Clinical information for physicians,
26 [https://www.philips.com/c-dam/b2bhc/master/landing-pages/src/update/documents/philips-recall-](https://www.philips.com/c-dam/b2bhc/master/landing-pages/src/update/documents/philips-recall-clinical-information-for-physicians-and-providers.pdf)
27 [clinical-information-for-physicians-and-providers.pdf](https://www.philips.com/c-dam/b2bhc/master/landing-pages/src/update/documents/philips-recall-clinical-information-for-physicians-and-providers.pdf) (accessed June 27, 2021).
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1 headaches, upper airway irritation, cough, chest pressure and sinus infection from
2 users of these devices.

3 10. In its Recall Notice, Philips disclosed that the potential risks of particulate
4 exposure to users of these devices include: irritation (skin, eye, and respiratory tract),
5 inflammatory response, headache, asthma, adverse effects to other organs (*e.g.*,
6 kidneys and liver) and toxic carcinogenic affects. The potential risks of chemical
7 exposure due to off-gassing of PE-PUR Foam in these devices include:
8 headache/dizziness, irritation (eyes, nose, respiratory tract, skin), hypersensitivity,
9 nausea/vomiting, toxic and carcinogenic effects.

10 11. Philips recommended that patients using the recalled CPAP and Bi-Level
11 PAP devices immediately discontinue using their devices and that patients using the
12 recalled ventilators for life-sustaining therapy consult with their physicians regarding
13 alternative ventilator options.

14 12. On or about July 2018, Plaintiff García was prescribed a Philips
15 DreamStation Auto CPAP, to treat his obstructive sleep apnea.

16 13. In or around December 2019, Plaintiff was diagnosed with lung cancer.

17 14. As a direct and proximate result of Philips' conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
18 serious and substantial life-altering injuries.

1 15.As a direct and proximate result of the subject device, manufactured,
2 marketed, imported, sold, and distributed by Philips, Plaintiff has suffered physical,
3 emotional and financial injuries, including lung cancer.
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5 16.Plaintiff JOE GARCÍA has now incurred substantial expenses for his
6 medical care due to his lung cancer diagnosis. In addition, Plaintiff García has
7 experienced chest tightness and respiratory irritants during his use of the Philips'
8 CPAP machines. Since being notified of the recall, Plaintiff has experienced anxiety
9 concerning the serious health risks he is facing from possible exposure to off-gassed
10 or degraded PE-PUR Foam in the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation
11 Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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14 17.Plaintiff García seeks to recover damages based on, *inter alia*, Philips'
15 breach of express warranty, breach of implied warranties, misrepresentations,
16 omissions, and breaches of state consumer protection laws in connection with its
17 manufacture, marketing and sales of devices containing PE-PUR Foam.
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21 **PARTIES**

22 18.Plaintiff JOE GARCÍA is a citizen of the State of California.
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24 19.Defendant Royal Philips is a Dutch multinational corporation with its
25 principal place of business located in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Royal Philips is the
26 parent company of the Philips Group of healthcare technology businesses, including
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1 Connected Care businesses focusing on Sleep & Respiratory Care. Royal Philips
2 holds directly or indirectly 100% of its subsidiaries Philips NA and Philips RS.² Upon
3 information and belief, Royal Philips controls Philips NA and Philips RS in the
4 manufacturing, selling, distributing, and supplying of the recalled CPAP, Bi-Level
5 PAP, and mechanical ventilator devices.³

7 20. Defendant Philips NA is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of
8 business located at 222 Jacobs Street, Floor 3, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141.
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10 Philips NA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Philips.

11 21. Defendant Philips RS is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of
12 business located at 6501 Living Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206. Philips RS is
13 a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Philips. Philips RS was formerly operated under
14 the business name Respiroics, Inc. (“Respiroics”). Royal Philips acquired
15 Respiroics in 2008.⁴
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22 ² Philips 2020 annual filing with the SEC, fn. 8,
23 <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/313216/000031321621000008/phg-exhibit8.htm>
(accessed June 30, 2021).

24 ³ Philips 2020 annual filing with the SEC,
25 <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/0000313216/000031321621000008/phg-20201231.htm> (accessed June 30, 2021).

26 ⁴ Philips announces completion of tender offer to acquire Respiroics, WEB WIRE,
27 <https://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=61199> (accessed June 27, 2021).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

22. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants were and are in the business of designing, manufacturing, marketing, promoting, advertising, and selling devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP device prescribed for and purchased by Plaintiff at issue in this lawsuit (the “subject device”).

23. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants were the mere alter egos or instrumentalities of each other. There is such a unity of interest and ownership between Defendants that the separate personalities of their entities ceased to exist. Defendants operated as a single enterprise, equally controlled each other’s business affairs, commingled their assets and funds, disregarded corporate formalities, and used each other as a corporate shield to defeat justice, perpetuate fraud and evade contractual and/or tort liability.

24. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants acted in all respects as agents or apparent agents of one another.

25. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants acted in concert in the designing, manufacturing, marketing, promoting, advertising, and selling of devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, including the subject device. Defendants combined their property and labor in a joint undertaking for profit, with rights of mutual control over each other, rendering them jointly liable to Plaintiff.

1 26. Defendants regularly transact business in Pennsylvania that includes
2 marketing and selling devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, derive
3 substantial revenue from their business transactions in Pennsylvania, and have
4 purposely availed themselves of the privilege of doing business in Pennsylvania.
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6 27. This Court has personal jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
7 1391(b)(1) because Defendant PHILIPS RS NORTH AMERICA LLC maintains its
8 principal place of business at 6501 Living Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206,
9 which is located in this district.
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11 28. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because of their
12 systematic and continuous contacts with Pennsylvania as well as their maintenance of
13 a registered agent for service of process in Pennsylvania.
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15 29. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because
16 Defendants conduct substantial business in this District, and the events giving rise to
17 Plaintiff's claims arise out of and relate to Defendants' contacts with this District.
18 Defendants Philips RS and Philips NA are controlled by their parent Royal Philips.
19 Defendants' affiliations with this District are so continuous and systematic as to
20 render them essentially at home in the forum State. Further, Defendants have
21 transacted business, maintained substantial contacts, purposefully targeted consumers
22 and medical professionals for sales of its devices and/or committed overt acts in
23 furtherance of the unlawful acts alleged in this Complaint in this District, as well as
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1 throughout the United States. The unlawful acts of Defendants have been directed at,
2 targeted, and have had the effect of causing injury to persons residing in, located in,
3 or doing business in this District, as well as throughout the United States.
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5 30. This Court has original jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
6 §1332(a)(1) and §1332(a)(2), as there is complete diversity between Plaintiff and
7 Defendants and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
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9 31. Venue is proper in this judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and
10 (c) and 18 U.S.C. § 1965, because Defendants transact business in this District, a
11 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in
12 this District.
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14 **BACKGROUND**

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17 32. At all relevant times, Defendants developed, manufactured, marketed,
18 distributed and sold a variety of CPAP and Bi-Level PAP respirator devices and
19 mechanical ventilators under its "Sleep & Respiratory Care" segment of its business
20 designed to assist individuals with a number of sleep, breathing, and respiratory
21 conditions, including obstructive sleep apnea, central sleep apnea, complex sleep
22 apnea syndrome, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), as well as to
23 assist those individuals requiring invasive and non-invasive ventilators for acute and
24 sub-acute hospital environments. Philips' CPAP and Bi-Level PAP respirator devices
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1 and its mechanical ventilators typically cost several hundred, if not thousands of
2 dollars. Philips has sold millions of these devices in the United States.

3 33. Defendants sought and obtained Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”)
4 approval to market the Recalled Devices, including the subject device used by
5 Plaintiff, under Section 510(k) of the Medical Device Amendment to the Food, Drug
6 and Cosmetics Act. Section 510(k) allows marketing of medical devices if the device
7 is deemed substantially equivalent to other legally marketed predicate devices
8 marketed prior to May 28, 1976. No formal review for safety or efficacy is required.
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11 **A. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Therapy**
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13 34. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (“CPAP”) therapy is a common
14 nonsurgical treatment primarily used to treat sleep apnea. CPAP therapy typically
15 involves the use of a hose and a nasal or facemask device that delivers constant and
16 steady air pressure to an individual’s throat to help individuals breathe.
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18 35. Sleep apnea is a common sleep disorder characterized by repeated
19 interruptions in breathing throughout an individual’s sleep cycle. These interruptions,
20 called “apneas,” are caused when the soft tissue in an individual’s airway collapses.
21 The airway collapse prevents oxygen from reaching the individual’s lungs which can
22 cause a buildup of carbon dioxide. If the individual’s brain senses the buildup of
23 carbon dioxide, it will briefly rouse the individual from sleep so that the individual’s
24 airway can reopen. Often these interruptions are so brief that the individual will not
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1 remember. Despite the brevity of the interruptions, the sleep cycle disruption caused
2 by sleep apnea can dramatically impact a person's lifestyle, including negatively
3 impacting energy, mental performance, and long-term health. CPAP therapy helps
4 treat sleep apnea by preventing the person's airway from collapsing while breathing
5 during sleep cycles, which can help prevent interruptions in breathing.
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7 **B. Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure Therapy**

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9 36. Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure ("BiPAP") therapy is a common
10 alternative to CPAP therapy for treating sleep apnea. Similar to CPAP therapy,
11 BiPAP therapy is nonsurgical and involves the use of a nasal or facemask device to
12 maintain air pressure in an individual's airway. BiPAP therapy is distinguishable
13 from CPAP therapy, however, because Bi-Level PAP devices deliver two alternating
14 levels—inspiratory and expiratory—of pressurized air into a person's airway, rather
15 than the single continuous level of pressurized air delivered by a CPAP device. The
16 inspiratory positive airway pressure assists a person as a breath is taken in.
17 Conversely, the expiratory positive airway pressure is applied to allow a person to
18 comfortably breathe out. Bi-Level PAP devices deliver one level of pressurized air (the
19 inspiratory positive level) to assist as a person inhales, and another level (the
20 expiratory level) as a person exhales.
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25 **C. Mechanical Ventilation**

D. Philips' Sleep & Respiratory Care Devices Endangered Users

39.Philips has utilized polyester-based polyurethane (PE-PUR) sound abatement foam to dampen device vibration and sound during routine operation.

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1 40. Seven weeks later, on June 14, 2021, Philips announced a recall of
2 numerous models of CPAP and Bi-Level PAP devices, as well as a variety of its
3 mechanical ventilators “to address identified potential health risks related to the
4 polyester-based polyurethane (PE-PUR) sound abatement foam component in these
5 devices.”⁶ Specifically, Philip announced that it had determined that the “PE-PUR
6 foam may degrade into particles which may enter the device’s air pathway and be
7 ingested or inhaled by the user, and the foam may off-gas certain chemicals.”⁷ In
8 total, Philips announced that “[b]etween 3 million and 4 million” devices are targeted
9 in the recall.⁸

10 41. The list of the devices recalled by Philips (the “Recalled Devices” or
11 “Recalled Machines”) include:
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22 ⁶ *Philips issues recall notification* to mitigate potential health risks related to the sound*
23 *abatement foam component in certain sleep and respiratory care devices*, PHILIPS (June 14, 2021),
24 [https://www.philips.com/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20210614-philips-](https://www.philips.com/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20210614-philips-issues-recall-notification-to-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-to-the-sound-abatement-foam-component-in-certain-sleep-and-respiratory-care-devices.html)
[issues-recall-notification-to-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-to-the-sound-abatement-foam-](https://www.philips.com/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20210614-philips-issues-recall-notification-to-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-to-the-sound-abatement-foam-component-in-certain-sleep-and-respiratory-care-devices.html)
[component-in-certain-sleep-and-respiratory-care-devices.html](https://www.philips.com/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20210614-philips-issues-recall-notification-to-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-to-the-sound-abatement-foam-component-in-certain-sleep-and-respiratory-care-devices.html) (accessed June 27, 2021).

25 ⁷ *Id.*

26 ⁸ Associated Press, *Philips recalls ventilators, sleep apnea machines due to health risks*, NBC
27 NEWS, [https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/philips-recalls-ventilators-sleep-apnea-](https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/philips-recalls-ventilators-sleep-apnea-machines-due-health-risks-n1270725)
28 [machines-due-health-risks-n1270725](https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/philips-recalls-ventilators-sleep-apnea-machines-due-health-risks-n1270725) (accessed June 27, 2021).

| Philips CPAP and Bi-Level PAP Devices Manufactured Before April 26, 2021 Subject to Recall⁹ | |
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| Device Name/Model Type | Type |
| E30 (Emergency Use Authorization) | Continuous Ventilator, Minimum Ventilatory Support, Facility Use |
| DreamStation ASV | Continuous Ventilator, Non-life Supporting |
| DreamStation ST, AVAPS | |
| SystemOne ASV4 | |
| C Series ASV | |
| C Series S/T and AVAPS | |
| OmniLab Advanced Plus | Non-continuous Ventilator |
| SystemOne (Q Series) | |
| DreamStation | |
| DreamStation GO | |
| Dorma 400 | |
| Dorma 500 | |
| REMStar SE Auto | |

| Philips Mechanical Respirator Devices Manufactured Before April 26, 2021 Subject to Recall¹⁰ | |
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| Device Name/Model Type | Type |
| Trilogy 100 Ventilator | Continuous Ventilator |
| Trilogy 200 Ventilator | |

⁹ Recall Notice (Exhibit “A” hereto); *see also* Medical Device recall notification (U.S. only) / field safety notice (International Markets), PHILIPS RESPIRONICS (June 14, 2021), https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update#section_2 (accessed June 27, 2021); Royal Philips Update on the recall notification, <https://www.philips.com/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20210614-philips-issues-recall-notification-to-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-to-the-sound-abatement-foam-component-in-certain-sleep-and-respiratory-care-devices.html> (accessed June 27, 2021).

¹⁰ *Id.*

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| Garbin Plus, Aeris, LifeVentVentilator | |
| A-Series BiPAP Hybrid A30 | Continuous Ventilator, Minimum Ventilatory Support, Facility Use |
| Philips A-Series BiPAP V30 Auto | |
| Philips A-Series BiPAP A40 | Continuous Ventilator, Non-life Supporting |
| Philips A-Series BiPAP A30 | |

42. According to Philips, the PE-PUR Foam used in Recalled Devices puts users at risk of suffering from: “[i]rritation (skin, eye, and respiratory tract), inflammatory response, headache, asthma, adverse effects to other organs (e.g. kidneys and liver) and toxic carcinogenic affects.”¹¹

43. On June 14, 2021, Philips also issued a brief report titled “Clinical Information for Physicians.” There, Philips reported that PE-PUR Foam particles “may cause irritation and airway inflammation, and this may be particularly important for patients with underlying lung diseases or reduced cardiopulmonary reserve.”¹²

44. In this report, Philips also disclosed that “[l]ab analysis of the degraded foam reveals the presence of potentially harmful chemicals including:

-Toluene Diamine

-Toluene Diisocyanate

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Philips Sleep and Respiratory Care Update – Clinical information for physicians, June 14, 2021, [philips-recall-clinical-information-for-physicians-and-providers.pdf](#) (accessed June 27, 2021).

1 -Diethylene glycol.”¹³

2 45.Philips also disclosed that lab testing performed by and for Philips has also
3 identified the presence of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCS) which may be
4 emitted from the sound abatement foam component of the affected devices. “VOCs
5 are emitted as gases from the foam included in the [affected devices] and may have
6 short- and long-term adverse health effects. Standard testing identified two
7 compounds of concern may be emitted from the foam that are outside of safety
8 thresholds. The compounds identified are the following:
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11 -Dimethyl Diazine

12 -Phenol, 2,6-bis (1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-(1-methylpropyl)-”¹⁴

13 46.Further, Philips reported that “based on lab testing and evaluations, it may
14 be possible that these potential health risks could result in a wide range of potential
15 patient impact, from transient potential injuries, symptoms and complications, as well
16 as possibly serious injury which can be life-threatening or cause permanent
17 impairment, or require medical intervention to preclude permanent impairment.”¹⁵
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25 ¹³ *Id.*

26 ¹⁴ *Id.*

27 ¹⁵ *Id.*

1 47.Philips announced that it has received reports of specific complaints from
2 users of Recalled Devices who suffered from “headache[s], upper airway irritation,
3 cough, chest pressure and sinus infection.”¹⁶
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5 **E. The Health Risks Associated with Use of the Recalled Devices**
6 **Renders Them Worthless**

7 48.As a result of the health risks associated with the use of the Recalled
8 Devices, together with Defendants’ concealment of these risks from the date they
9 were first reported to Defendants or discovered by Defendants through April 26,
10 2021, the Recalled Devices have been rendered completely worthless or, at the very
11 least, have been substantially diminished in value.
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13 49.The information described above, including the now-known health risks of
14 Philips CPAP devices, Bi-Level PAP devices and mechanical ventilators, the recall,
15 and the medical warnings and advice issued by Philips, have rendered the Recalled
16 Devices worthless to patients with sleep apnea and respiratory conditions. Individuals
17 not using life-supporting ventilators must immediately discontinue their user of the
18 Recalled Devices or face serious health risks as grave as organ failure or cancer. If
19 they choose to discontinue use of the Recalled Devices they must pay for another
20 expensive device in order to receive effective treatment for their sleep apnea and/or
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26 ¹⁶ Recall Notice (Exhibit A hereto).
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1 respiratory conditions. Individuals using life-supporting ventilators must seek an
2 alternative treatment before discontinuing use of the Recalled Device.

3 50. Recognizing this, Philips issued the following advice to patients using any
4 of the Recalled Devices:
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- 6 • **“For patients using BiLevel PAP and CPAP devices:** Discontinue use
7 of affected units and consult with physicians to determine the benefits of
8 continuing therapy and potential risks.”¹⁷
- 9 • **“For patients using life-sustaining mechanical ventilator devices: DO
10 NOT discontinue or alter prescribed therapy, without consulting
11 physicians to determine appropriate next steps.”¹⁸**

12 51. As a result of the above, Plaintiff will have to undertake considerable
13 expense replacing the Recalled Device.

14 **F. Philips Unreasonably Delayed its Recall**

15 52. At no time prior to its Regulatory Update on April 26, 2021, did Philips
16 disclose to purchasers or users of the Recalled Devices that the PE-PUR Foam
17 contained therein may off-gas or degrade upon use. Similarly, prior to the Update,
18 Philips did not disclose any health risks associated with use of the Recalled Devices.
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23 ¹⁷ Medical Device recall notification (U.S. only) / field safety notice (International Markets),
24 PHILIPS RESPIRONICS (June 14, 2021),
25 https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update#section_2 (accessed
June 27, 2021) (Questions and answers) (emphasis in original).

26 ¹⁸ *Id.*

1 53. Defendants have not disclosed when they first discovered or received
2 reports from users of their Sleep & Respiratory Care devices “regarding the presence
3 of black debris/particles within the airpath circuit (extending from the device outlet,
4 humidifier, tubing, and mask).”¹⁹

6 54. At a minimum, as a result of user reports, Defendants were aware of the off-
7 gassing and degradation of the PE-PUR Foam used in the Recalled Devices at some
8 point prior to the recall, yet continued to manufacture and sell the Recalled Devices
9 with such awareness. During this period, Defendants unreasonably and unjustly
10 profited from the manufacture and sale of the Recalled Devices and unreasonably put
11 users of the Recalled Devices at risk of development of serious adverse health effects,
12 including organ failure and cancer.
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17 **Plaintiff JOE GARCÍA**

18 55. Plaintiff JOE GARCÍA is a resident and citizen of San Bernardino County,
19 California.
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21 56. Plaintiff García was prescribed and or purchased a Philips DreamStation
22 Auto CPAP Device, prior to June 14, 2021.
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26 ¹⁹ Recall Notice (Exhibit “A” hereto).
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58. Without knowing of the health risks associated with use of the DreamStation Auto CPAP device, Plaintiff García used his DreamStation Auto CPAP regularly to treat sleep apnea until learning on June 26, 2021, that the devices were recalled.

60. As a direct and proximate result of Philips' conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
 61. physical and substantial life-altering injuries, including being diagnosed with lung
 62. cancer.

I. DISCOVERY RULE TOLLING

62.Plaintiff, through the exercise of reasonable care, could not have discovered the conduct by Philips alleged herein. Further, Plaintiff did not discover and did not

1 know of facts that would have caused a reasonable person to suspect that Philips was
2 engaged in the conduct alleged herein.

3 63.For these, reasons, all applicable statutes of limitation have been tolled by
4 the discovery rule with respect to claims asserted by Plaintiff.
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6 **II. FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT TOLLING**

7 64.By failing to provide immediate notice of the adverse health effects
8 associated with continued use of the Recalled Device, Philips concealed its conduct
9 and the existence of the claims asserted herein from Plaintiff.
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11 65.Upon information and belief, Philips intended its acts to conceal the facts
12 and claims from Plaintiff. Plaintiff was unaware of the facts alleged herein without
13 any fault or lack of diligence on his part and could not have reasonably discovered
14 Defendants' conduct. For this reason, any statute of limitations that otherwise may
15 apply to the claims of Plaintiff should be tolled.
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18 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

19 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
20 **NEGLIGENCE**

21 66.Defendants had a duty to individuals, including the Plaintiff, to use
22 reasonable care in designing, manufacturing, marketing, labeling, packaging and
23 selling the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP Device
24 machine.
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67. Defendants were negligent in failing to use reasonable care as described herein in designing and manufacturing, the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP Device machine that Plaintiff purchased and used.

Defendants breached their aforementioned duty by:

- a. Failing to design the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine so as to avoid an unreasonable and increased risk of harm of cancer and other injuries in users;
- b. Including in the design of the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine, flawed polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam that could break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping, exposing them to increased and unnecessary risk of cancer, including lung cancer, as well as other injuries;
- c. Manufacturing certain Philips machines, including the recalled machines and the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine with a specific lot and/or lots of flawed polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam that could break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping, exposing them to increased and unnecessary risk of cancer, including lung cancer, as well as other injuries;
- d. Otherwise negligently or carelessly designing, manufacturing, marketing, labeling, packaging and/or selling the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine.

68. Defendant also negligently failed to warn or instruct the Plaintiff in the following manners:

- a. the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's flawed polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam propensities to break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping, exposing them to increased and unnecessary risk of cancer, including lung cancer, as well as other injuries;
- b. the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam propensities to degradation, fragmentation and/or chemicalization;
- c. the rate and manner in which the polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam would break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping;
- d. The risk of chronic inflammation resulting from use of the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;
- e. the risk of chronic infections resulting from the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;
- f. the risk of lung, kidney, and/or rectal cancers from exposure to the foam;
- g. the need for corrective or revision surgery to adjust or remove cancerous tumors and/or nodules as a result of usage of the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;
- h. the severity of complications that could arise as a result of the use of the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;

1 69. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, the Plaintiff
2 has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has sustained
3 permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely undergo further
4 medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic loss, including,
5 but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses, lost income,
6 and other damages.
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9 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
10 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
11 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
12 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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14 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **PRODUCT LIABILITY**
16 **DESIGN DEFECT**
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18 70. The recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine
19 used by Plaintiff was not reasonably safe for its intended uses and was defective
20 as described herein with respect to its design. As previously stated, the
21 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's design defects include, but are not limited to:
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- 23 a. the use of polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam in the recalled
24 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine and the
25 immune reaction that results from such material, causing adverse
26 reactions and injuries;

- b. Failing to design the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine so as to avoid an unreasonable and increased risk of harm of cancer and other injuries in users;
- c. Including in the design of the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine, flawed polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam that could break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping, exposing them to increased and unnecessary risk of cancer, including lung cancer, as well as other injuries;
- d. Failing to use alternatively available sound abatement materials and/or foams in the recalled machines, as well as the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine, such as plastic, silicone, or rubber, which would not break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping;
- e. Otherwise negligently or carelessly designing, manufacturing, marketing, labeling, packaging and/or selling the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine.

71. At all times, the use of the recalled machines, as well as Plaintiff's use of the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine (and its components, such as the facemask) was at all times foreseeable and foreseen by Defendants as it was used by Plaintiff in the manner intended by Defendants.

72. The recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine used by Plaintiff, was defective in their design in that they failed to perform as safely as a reasonable consumer would expect when used in an intended or reasonably foreseeable manner.

1 73. The recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine
2 used by Plaintiff are further defective in that the risks of danger inherent in its design
3 outweigh the benefits, in that the gravity of danger posed by the design was great, the
4 likelihood that such danger would cause injury was substantial, there were feasible,
5 safer alternative designs known to Defendants at the time of manufacture, the
6 financial costs of an improved design was minor and there were likely no adverse
7 consequences to the product, or to the user, that would result from an alternative
8 design.
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11 74. Defendants, and each of them, knew that the recalled machines, including
12 the Plaintiff's DreamStation machine, and the component parts of these CPAP
13 machines would be purchased and used without inspection for defects in the design
14 of the machine or its masks/attachments.
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17 75. The recalled machines, including the Plaintiff's DreamStation machine,
18 and the component parts of these CPAP machines were defective when they left the
19 control of each of these Defendants.
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21 76. As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including
22 Plaintiff's defective DreamStation Auto CPAP machine(s) aforementioned defects as
23 described herein, the Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical
24 pain and suffering, has sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical
25 treatment and will likely undergo future medical treatment and procedures, has
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1 suffered financial or economic loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for
2 medical services and expenses, lost income, and other damages.

3 77. Defendants are strictly liable to the Plaintiff for designing,
4 manufacturing, marketing, labeling, packaging and selling the recalled machines,
5 including Plaintiff's defective DreamStation Auto CPAP machine(s).
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7 78. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the above-stated
8 negligent acts, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer injury of a personal
9 and pecuniary nature, including pain and suffering, medical expenses, lost income,
10 and disability.
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13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each
14 of them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests
15 compensatory damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,
16 attorneys' fees, and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **PRODUCT LIABILITY:**
20 **MANUFACTURING DEFECT**
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22 79. At all times, the use of the recalled machines, as well as Plaintiff's use of
23 the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine (and its components, such as the facemask)
24 was at all times foreseeable and foreseen by Defendants as it was used by Plaintiff in
25 the manner intended by Defendants.
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1 80.The recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine
2 used by Plaintiff were defective at the time of their manufacture, development,
3 production, testing, inspection, endorsement, sale and distribution, and at the time
4 they left the possession of the Defendants, in that, and not by way of limitation, the
5 products differed from the Defendants' intended result and intended design and
6 specifications, and from other ostensibly identical units of the same product line.
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9 81.Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known of the defective
10 nature of the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine
11 used by Plaintiff, including (among other things), that the PE-PUR foam used in the
12 recalled machine's component parts was prone to flaking, chemicalization,
13 disintegration, that it could enter the user's airways while they slept, and created an
14 unreasonably high risk while in use, and would foreseeably result in injury or death
15 to the public, purchasers, and/or consumers.
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18 82.The Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known of the
19 defective nature of the recalled machines, including the Plaintiff's DreamStation
20 machine, and the component parts of these CPAP machines, including among other
21 things, that the PE-PUR foam used in the recalled machine's component parts was
22 prone to flaking, chemicalization, disintegration, that it could enter the user's
23 airways while they slept, and created an unreasonably high risk while in use, and
24 would foreseeably result in injury or death to the public, purchasers, and/or
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1 consumers.

2 83. Specifically, the Defendants improperly designed the recalled machines,
3 including the Plaintiff's DreamStation machine, by:
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- 5 a. Manufacturing certain Philips machines, including the recalled
6 machines and the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto
7 CPAP machine with a specific lot and/or lots of flawed polyurethane
8 PE-PUR sound abatement foam that could break down, flake off and/or
9 chemicalize and infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is
sleeping, exposing them to increased and unnecessary risk of cancer,
including lung cancer, as well as other injuries;

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11 84. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the above-stated
12 negligent acts, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer injury of a personal
13 and pecuniary nature, including pain and suffering, medical expenses, lost income,
14 and disability.
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16 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each
17 of them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests
18 compensatory damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,
19 attorneys' fees, and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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22 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 **PRODUCT LIABILITY:**
24 **FAILURE TO WARN**
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1 85. The recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
2 Plaintiff were not reasonably safe for their intended uses and were defective as
3 described herein as a matter of law due to its lack of appropriate and necessary
4 warnings. Specifically, Defendants did not provide sufficient or adequate warnings
5 including, but not limited to, the following:
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- 8 a. the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
9 machine's flawed polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam
10 propensities to break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and infiltrate
11 the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping, exposing them to
12 increased and unnecessary risk of cancer, including lung cancer, as well
13 as other injuries;
 - 14 b. the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
15 machine's polyurethane PE-PUR sound abatement foam propensities to
16 degradation, fragmentation and/or chemicalization;
 - 17 c. the rate and manner in which the polyurethane PE-PUR sound
18 abatement foam would break down, flake off and/or chemicalize and
19 infiltrate the device's air pathway while the user is sleeping;
 - 20 d. The risk of chronic inflammation resulting from use of the recalled
21 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;
 - 22 e. the risk of chronic infections resulting from the recalled machines,
23 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;
 - 24 f. the risk of lung, kidney, and/or rectal cancers from exposure to the
25 foam;
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1 g. the need for corrective or revision surgery to adjust or remove cancerous
2 tumors and/or nodules as a result of usage of the recalled machines,
3 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP machine;

4 h. the severity of complications that could arise as a result of the use of
5 the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
6 machine;

7 86.As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including the
8 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's aforementioned defects as described herein, the
9 Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has
10 sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely
11 undergo further medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic
12 loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses,
13 and/or lost income, and other damages.
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16 87.Defendants are strictly liable to the Plaintiff for designing, manufacturing,
17 marketing, labeling, packaging and selling a defective DreamStation Auto CPAP
18 machine.
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21 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
22 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
23 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
24 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

88.Philips marketed and sold the Recalled Device into the stream of commerce with the intent that the Recalled Device would be purchased by Plaintiff and other members of the general public.

89.Philips expressly warranted, advertised, and represented to Plaintiff that the Recalled Device was safe and appropriate for human use.

90.Philips made these express warranties regarding the Recalled Device's quality and fitness for use in writing through its website, advertisements, and marketing materials, and on the Recalled Device's packaging and labels. These express warranties became part of the basis of the bargain that Plaintiff entered into upon purchasing the Recalled Device.

91.Philips' advertisements, warranties, representations, and omissions regarding health risks associated with the Recalled Device, were made in connection with the sale of the Recalled Device to Plaintiff. Plaintiff relied on Philips' advertisements, warranties, representations, and omissions regarding the Recalled Device in deciding whether to purchase and use Philips' Recalled Device.

1 92.Philips' the recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
2 used by Plaintiff, do not conform to Philips' advertisements, warranties,
3 representations, and omissions in that they are not safe, healthy, and appropriate for
4 human use, and pose risks of serious injury and disease, including organ failure and
5 cancer.
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8 93.Philips therefore breached its express warranties by placing the The recalled
9 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff, into the stream
10 of commerce and selling it to consumers, when their use posed health risks, had
11 dangerous effects and were unsafe, rendering these products unfit for their intended
12 use and purpose, and unsafe and unsuitable for consumer use as marketed by Philips.
13 These associated health effects substantially impair the use, value, safety of the
14 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff, and
15 rendered it worthless.
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19 94.Philips was aware, or should have been aware, of the toxic or dangerous
20 health effects of the use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto
21 CPAP used by Plaintiff, but nowhere on the package labeling or package inserts or on
22 Philips' websites or other marketing materials did Philips warn Plaintiff she was at
23 risk of developing adverse health effects as a result of the dangerous PE-PUR Foam
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1 used in the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
2 Plaintiff.

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4 95. Instead, Philips concealed the dangerous health effects of the PE-PUR
5 Foam used in the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used
6 by Plaintiff and deceptively represented that these products were safe, healthy, and
7 appropriate for use. Philips thus utterly failed to ensure that the material
8 representations they were making to consumers were true.
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11 96. The adverse health effects associated with use of the Recalled machines,
12 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff existed when they left
13 Philips' possession or control and were sold to Plaintiff. The dangers associated with
14 use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
15 Plaintiff were undiscoverable by Plaintiff at the time of purchase of the Recalled
16 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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19 97. As manufacturers, marketers, advertisers, distributors and sellers of the
20 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff, Philips
21 had exclusive knowledge and notice of the fact that the Recalled machines, including
22 the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff did not conform to the affirmations of
23 fact and promises.
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1 98. In addition, or in the alternative, to the formation of an express contract,
2 Philips made each of the above-described representations and omissions to induce
3 Plaintiff to rely on such representations and omissions.
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5 99. Philips' affirmations of fact and promises and its omissions were material,
6 and Plaintiff reasonably relied upon such representations and omissions in purchasing
7 and using the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
8 Plaintiff.
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10 100. All conditions precedent to Philips' liability for its breach of express
11 warranty have been performed by Plaintiff.
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13 101. Affording Philips an opportunity to cure its breaches of written
14 warranties would be unnecessary and futile here. Philips was placed on reasonable
15 notice from user reports and its lab testing that the PE-PUR Foam in the Recalled
16 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was unsafe.
17 Philips had ample opportunity either to stop using the PE-PUR Foam or to replace the
18 PE-PUR Foam in the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
19 used by Plaintiff to make them safe and healthy for use by Plaintiff, but failed to do
20 so until now.
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24 102. As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including the
25 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's aforementioned defects as described herein, the
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1 Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has
2 sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely
3 undergo further medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic
4 loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses,
5 and/or lost income, and other damages.
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8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
9 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
10 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
11 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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13 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY**

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16 103. Philips are merchants engaging in the sale of goods to Plaintiff and
17 Members of the general public.
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19 104. There was a direct sale of goods from Philips to Plaintiff, creating privity
20 between Plaintiff and Defendants.
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22 105. At all times mentioned herein, Philips manufactured or supplied the
23 recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff, and
24 prior to the time the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used
25 by Plaintiff was purchased by Plaintiff, Philips impliedly warranted to him that the
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1 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was of
2 merchantable quality, fit for its ordinary use, and conformed to the promises and
3 affirmations of fact and omissions made on the Recalled machines, including the
4 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff's labels and packaging, including that the
5 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was
6 safe and appropriate for human use. Plaintiff relied on Philips' promises and
7 affirmations of fact and omissions when she purchased and used the Recalled
8 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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12 106. Contrary to these representations and warranties, the Recalled machines,
13 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was not fit for its ordinary
14 use and did not conform to Philips' affirmations of fact and promises and omissions
15 because use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used
16 by Plaintiff is accompanied by the risk of adverse health effects, which does not
17 conform to the labels and packaging of these devices.
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20 107. Philips breached its implied warranties by selling a Recalled machines,
21 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff that failed to conform to the
22 promises or affirmations of fact made on the packaging or label, as use of each
23 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was
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1 accompanied by the risk of developing adverse health effects that do not conform to
2 the packaging or label.

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4 108. Philips was on notice of this breach, as it was made aware of the adverse
5 health effects accompanying use of the Recalled machines, including the
6 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff through user reports submitted to Philips
7 and through lab testing.
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10 109. Privity exists because Philips impliedly warranted to Plaintiff through
11 the warranting, packaging, advertising, marketing, and labeling that the Recalled
12 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff were natural, and
13 suitable for use to treat health conditions, and made no mention of the attendant
14 health risks associated with use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation
15 Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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18 110. As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including the
19 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's aforementioned defects as described herein, the
20 Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has
21 sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely
22 undergo further medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic
23 loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses,
24 and/or lost income, and other damages.
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1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
2 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
3 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
4 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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6 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION**
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9 111. Philips failed to advise Plaintiff that the Recalled machines, including
10 the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff posed serious health risks to their
11 users and Philips falsely represented to Plaintiff that the Recalled machines, including
12 the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff was safe for human use.
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14 112. Philips intentionally, knowingly, and recklessly made these
15 misrepresentations and omissions to induce Plaintiff and other members of the
16 general public to purchase the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto
17 CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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19 113. Philips knew that its representations and omissions about the Recalled
20 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff were false in that
21 the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff
22 contained PE-PUR Foam and thus were at risk of causing adverse health effects to
23 users of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
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1 Plaintiff, which does not conform to the products' labels, packaging, advertising, and
2 statements. Philips knowingly allowed its packaging, labels, advertisements,
3 promotional materials, and websites to intentionally mislead consumers, such as
4 Plaintiff.
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6 114. Plaintiff did in fact rely on these omissions and misrepresentations and
7 purchased and used the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP
8 used by Plaintiff to his detriment. Given the deceptive manner in which Philips
9 advertised, represented, and otherwise promoted the Recalled machines, including the
10 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff, Plaintiff's reliance on Philips' omissions
11 and misrepresentations was justifiable.
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14 115. As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including the
15 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's aforementioned defects as described herein, the
16 Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has
17 sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely
18 undergo further medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic
19 loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses,
20 and/or lost income, and other damages.
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24 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
25 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
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1 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
2 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

3 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **FRAUD BY OMISSION**

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6 116. Philips concealed from and failed to disclose to Plaintiff that use of
7 Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff is
8 accompanied by a risk of adverse health effects, which does not conform to the
9 products' labels, packaging, advertising, and statements.
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12 117. Philips was under a duty to disclose to Plaintiff the true quality,
13 characteristics, ingredients and suitability of the Recalled machines, including the
14 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff because: (a) Philips was in a superior
15 position to know the true state of facts about its products; (b) Philips was in a superior
16 position to know the risks associated with the use of, characteristics of, and suitability
17 of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff
18 for use by individuals; and (c) Philips knew that Plaintiff could not reasonably have
19 been expected to learn or discover prior to purchasing the Recalled machines,
20 including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff that there were
21 misrepresentations and omissions by Philips in the packaging, labels, advertising, and
22 websites regarding the health risks associated with use of these devices.
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1 118. The facts concealed or not disclosed by Philips to Plaintiff were
2 material in that a reasonable consumer would have considered them important when
3 deciding whether to purchase the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation
4 Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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6 119. Plaintiff justifiably relied on Philips' omissions to his detriment. The
7 detriment is evident from the true quality, characteristics, and risk associated with the
8 use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by
9 Plaintiff, which is inferior when compared to how the Recalled machines, including
10 the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff are advertised and represented by
11 Philips.
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14 120. As a direct and proximate result of the recalled machines, including the
15 DreamStation Auto CPAP machine's aforementioned defects as described herein, the
16 Plaintiff has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has
17 sustained permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely
18 undergo further medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic
19 loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses,
20 and/or lost income, and other damages.
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24 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
25 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
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1 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
2 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

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4 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

6 121. Philips had a duty to Plaintiff to exercise reasonable and ordinary care in
7 the developing, testing, manufacture, marketing, distribution, and sale of the Recalled
8 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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10 122. Philips breached its duty to Plaintiff by developing, testing,
11 manufacturing, advertising, marketing, distributing, and selling products to Plaintiff
12 that did not have the qualities, characteristics, and suitability for use as advertised by
13 Philips and by failing to promptly remove the Recalled machines, including the
14 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff from the marketplace or to take other
15 appropriate remedial action upon becoming aware of the health risks of the Recalled
16 machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff.
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20 123. Philips knew or should have known that the qualities and characteristics
21 of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff
22 were not as advertised or suitable for their intended use and were otherwise not as
23 warranted and represented by Philips. Specifically, Philips knew or should have
24 known that: (a) the use of the Recalled machines, including the DreamStation Auto
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1 CPAP used by Plaintiff was accompanied by risk of adverse health effects that do not
2 conform to the packaging and labeling; (b) the Recalled machines, including the
3 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff were adulterated, or at risk of being
4 adulterated, by the PE-PUR Foam; and (c) the Recalled machines, including the
5 DreamStation Auto CPAP used by Plaintiff were otherwise not as warranted and
6 represented by Philips.
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9 124. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, the Plaintiff
10 has experienced significant mental and physical pain and suffering, has sustained
11 permanent injury, has undergone medical treatment and will likely undergo further
12 medical treatment and procedures, has suffered financial or economic loss, including,
13 but not limited to, obligations for medical services and expenses, lost income,
14 and other damages.
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17 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, and each of
18 them, individually, jointly, severally and in the alternative, and requests compensatory
19 damages, punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and
20 such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows.

1. For past and future general damages on each cause of action, according to proof;
2. For past and future pain and suffering, according to proof;
3. For past and future hospital, medical, nursing care, treatment and incidental expenses, according to proof;
4. For past and future loss of earnings and earning power, according to proof;
5. For past and future mental and emotional distress, according to proof;
6. For restitution, according to proof;
7. For punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish and/or set an example of Defendants, or is in any other way appropriate.
8. For past and future costs of suit incurred herein, and attorney's fees as may be allowed by law; and

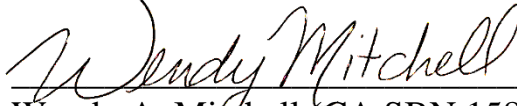
For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury for all issues so triable.

2 DATED: November 4, 2021

3 Respectfully submitted,

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